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Date: October 5, 2004By: Heborah A. Min**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner of Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Commissioner:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on August 6, 2004, of which this reply is filed within the statutory three month period for reply, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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